

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 4 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 through 3 are the only independent claims present in the application. Claims 1 through 4 heretofore on file have been allowed.

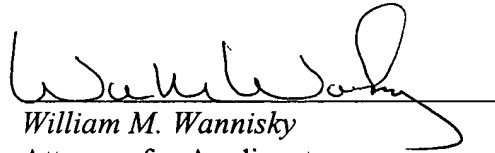
Claim 2 has been amended to correct a mistake in wording so as to even more accurately claim the invention and/or to improve its form. (The Examiner's Amendments to Claims 2 and 3 set forth in the attachment to the Notice of Allowability enclosed with the above-mentioned Notice have been incorporated herein.) It will be seen by comparing similar recitations in Claims 1 and 3 that the amendment to Claim 2 presented herein is proper. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments does not affect the allowability of the claims and that no new matter has been added.

This Amendment After Allowance ensures that the patent issuing herefrom will be in the best possible form. No additional claims are presented. The amendments presented herein were not previously presented, inasmuch as it was only recently recognized that the form of the claims could be improved. Given the Examiner's familiarity with the present application, especially in view of the above-noted informal discussion, it is respectfully submitted that full consideration of this Amendment After Allowance will not require any additional search, more than a cursory review of the record, or any materially-added work, time, and effort on the part of the Office. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.16, pages 700-229 and 700-230 (Rev. 2, May 2004).

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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